

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (currently amended) An electronic gaming apparatus comprising:
2 an electronic gaming device having a plurality of games accessible to a
3 user;
4 a user-actuatable input means in communication with said electronic
5 gaming device to communicate an input signal from said user; and
6 a game controller in communication with said user-actuatable input
7 means, said game controller substantially simultaneously initiating play and substantially
8 simultaneously continuing play of multiple ones of said plurality of games in response to
9 user activation thereof; and
10 a pay table calculator in communication with said game controller to
11 calculate a composite pay table based on joint possible results of said multiple ones of
12 said plurality of games initiated by said user activation.

- 1 2. (canceled)

- 1 3. (currently amended) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 12,
2 wherein said composite pay table defines a new game.

- 1 4. (currently amended) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 12,
2 wherein said composite pay table defines a bonus table.

- 1 5. (currently amended) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 12,
2 and further comprising a network interface in communication with said game controller,
3 enabling communication with said game controller from a remote location.

- 1 6. (original) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said
2 remote location is a separate electronic gaming device.

1 7. (original) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein a
2 plurality of separate electronic gaming devices communicate with said game controller.

1 8. (original) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said
2 composite pay table is communicated to each of said plurality of separate electronic
3 gaming devices.

1 9. (previously presented) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 1,
2 wherein said user-actuatable input means is a touch-screen video monitor.

1 10. (currently amended) A method of playing an electronic game
2 comprising the steps of:

3 selecting a first game from a menu comprising a plurality of games
4 presented by an electronic gambling device;
5 supplementing said selection of said first game by a further selection of an
6 additional game from said menu of said plurality of games;
7 generating a composite pay table based on a first pay table for the first
8 game and a second pay table based on the additional game; and
9 substantially simultaneously initiating play and concurrently playing said
10 first and said additional games.

1 11. (currently amended) A method of playing an electronic game
2 according to Claim 10, ~~and further comprising:~~
3 providing an alternative pay table based upon the games selected; and
4 presenting said alternative pay table to a user of said electronic game in
5 the form of additional betting and winning opportunitieswherein the third pay table
6 comprises at least one of a new game and a bonus game.

1 12. (currently amended) A method of playing an electronic game
2 according to Claim 11, and further comprising;
3 establishing communications between a plurality of electronic gambling
4 devices; and

5 | communicating said alternative third pay table to said plurality of
6 | electronic gambling devices.

1 | 13. (currently amended) A method for providing a plurality of
2 | electronic games on an electronic gaming device, the method comprising:
3 | providing a menu including the plurality of electronic games, each
4 | electronic game in the plurality of electronic games being independent of one another;
5 | receiving a selection for two or more of the plurality of electronic games;
6 | determining a composite pay table for the selected two or more games
7 | based on the two or more games selected and a wager received for each of the selected
8 | two or more games, wherein the composite pay table is based on joint outcomes of the
9 | two or more games selected;
10 | substantially simultaneously initiating play of the selected two or more
11 | electronic games; and
12 | playing the selected two or more electronic games substantially
13 | simultaneously.

1 | 14. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 13, further
2 | comprising receiving a wager for each of the selected two or more games.

1 | 15. (canceled)

1 | 16. (canceled)

1 | 17. (currently amended) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 12,
2 | wherein the pay table calculator calculates the composite pay table using odds of the
3 | multiple ones of said plurality of electronic games and wagers received for the multiple
4 | ones of said plurality of electronic games.

1 | 18. (previously presented) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 1,
2 | wherein at least one of the plurality of games is a progressive game.

1 19. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 10, wherein
2 at least one of the first game and additional game comprise a progressive game.

1 20. (currently amended) A gaming device comprising:
2 a display of a plurality of games;
3 a game selection input configured to receive a selection of a first and
4 second game from the plurality of games;
5 a pay table generator configured to generate a third pay table based on a
6 first pay table for the first game and a second pay table for the second game; and
7 a game controller configured to substantially simultaneous start game play
8 of the selected first and second game in response to a single user input, ~~wherein the game~~
9 ~~play of the first and the second game is controlled by the game controller and is self-~~
10 ~~contained in the gaming device.~~

1 21. (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 20, wherein
2 the game controller is configured to generate a result for the first and second game,
3 wherein the display is configured to display the result.

1 22. (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 21, wherein
2 the result comprises a first result for the first game and a second result for the second
3 game, wherein the first and the second result are determined substantially simultaneously.

1 23. (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 20, further
2 comprising a wager input configured to receive a wager amount for the first and second
3 game.

1 24. (currently amended) The gaming device of claim 23, wherein the
2 result ~~comprises~~ corresponds to an award based on the wager amount.

1 25. (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 20, wherein
2 the first and second games are independent games.

1 26. (canceled)

1 27. (currently amended) The gaming device of claim 2026, wherein a
2 result for the first and second game is awarded from the generated third pay table.

1 28. (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 20, wherein
2 the display is configured to display the game play of the first and the second game
3 substantially simultaneously.

1 29. (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 20, wherein at
2 least one of the first and the second games comprises a progressive game.

1 30. (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 20, further
2 comprising a selection input configured to receive any selections by a player that are
3 required for the first and second game, wherein the selections are received before game
4 play of the first and second games is initiated.

1 31. (Currently amended) A method for providing game play using a
2 gaming device, the method comprising:

3 displaying a menu of a plurality of games on the gaming device;
4 receiving a selection for a first game and a second game in the plurality of
5 games;

6 receiving a wager for the first game before initiation of play for the first
7 and the second game;

8 receiving a wager for the second game before initiation of play for the first
9 and the second game;

10 determining a third pay table based on a first pay table for the first game
11 and a second pay table for the second game;

12 receiving a single user input to initiate game play;
13 substantially simultaneously initiating play and continuing game play for
14 the first and the second games; and

15 displaying a result for the first and the second games.

1 32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the first
2 and second games are initiated and played in an independent gaming device.

1 33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, further
2 comprising determining a result for the first and second games, wherein the result for the
3 first and the second game are controlled and determined by an independent gaming
4 device.

1 34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the first
2 and second games are independent games.

1 35. (canceled)

1 36. (canceled)

1 37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, further
2 comprising displaying the game play of the first and the second game substantially
3 simultaneously.

1 38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein at least
2 one of the first and the second games comprises a progressive game.

1 39. (currently amended) The method of claim 31, further comprising:
2 determining a first award-result based on the game play of the first game;
3 and
4 determining a second award-result based on the game play of the second
5 game,
6 wherein determining the first and the second award-results are done
7 substantially simultaneously.

1 40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, further
2 comprising receiving any selections by a player that are required for the first and second

3 game, wherein the selections are received before game play of the first and second games
4 is initiated.

1 41. (Previously presented) The gaming apparatus of claim 1, wherein
2 the play of the multiple ones of said plurality of games is self-contained in the gaming
3 apparatus.

1 42. (Previously presented) The gaming apparatus of claim 1, further
2 comprising a display configured to display the substantially simultaneous play of the
3 multiple ones of said plurality of games.

1 43. (Previously presented) The gaming apparatus of claim 1, wherein
2 the multiple ones of said plurality of games are independent games.

1 44. (Previously presented) The gaming apparatus of claim 1, wherein
2 the game controller is configured to generate a result for the multiple ones of said
3 plurality of games substantially simultaneously.

1 45. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein playing
2 the first and said additional games is self-contained in the electronic gambling device.

1 46. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, further
2 comprising displaying the concurrent play of the first game and said additional games.

1 47. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the first
2 and said additional games are independent games.

1 48. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, further
2 comprising substantially simultaneously generating a result for the first game and said
3 additional games.

1 49. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the play
2 of the two or more electronic games is self-contained in the electronic gaming device.

1 50. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, further
2 comprising displaying the concurrent play of the two or more electronic games.

1 51. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the two
2 or more electronic games are independent games.

1 52. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, further
2 comprising substantially simultaneously generating a result for the two or more electronic
3 games.

1 53. (new) The method of claim 52, further comprising awarding an
2 award from the third pay table if the result is a winning result.

1 54. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 1, wherein the game
2 controller is configured to generate a result for each of the multiple ones of said plurality
3 of games.

1 55. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 54, wherein the game
2 controller is configured to award an award for a game in the multiple ones of said
3 plurality of games if the result for the game is a winning result.

1 56. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 54, wherein the game
2 controller is configured to award an award from the composite pay table based on joint
3 results for the multiple ones of said plurality of games.

1 57. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 3, wherein a wager is
2 received in order to participate in the new game.

1 58. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 7, wherein the controller is
2 configured to determine an award from the composite pay table.

1 59. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 58, wherein the award is
2 based on joint possible outcomes of said multiple ones of said plurality of games from at
3 least two electronic gambling devices in the plurality of separate gaming devices.

1 60. (new) The method of claim 10, further comprising determining a
2 first result for the first game and an additional result for the additional game.

1 61. (new) The method of claim 60, further comprising:
2 awarding an award from the first pay table if the first result is a winning
3 result for the first pay table; and
4 awarding an award from the second pay table if the second result is a
5 winning result for the second pay table.

1 62. (new) The method of claim 60, further comprising awarding an
2 award for the third pay table if a combination of the first result and second result is a
3 winning result in the third pay table.

1 63. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein if the third pay table
2 comprises a new game, the method further comprising receiving a wager to participate in
3 the new game.

1 64. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 12, wherein the controller is
2 configured to determine an award from the composite pay table.

1 65. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 64, wherein the award is
2 based on joint possible outcomes of said multiple ones of said plurality of games from at
3 least two electronic gambling devices in the plurality of separate gambling devices.

1 66. (new) The method of claim 13, further comprising determining a
2 result for each of the two or more games.

1 67. (new) The method of claim 66, further comprising:
2 awarding an award for a game in the two or more games if the result for
3 the game is a winning result.

1 68. (new) The method of claim 66, further comprising awarding an
2 award for the composite pay table if a combination of the result for each of the two or
3 more games is a winning result in the composite pay table.

1 69. (new) The gaming device of claim 20, wherein the game
2 controller is configured to determine a first result for the first game and a second result
3 for the second game.

1 70. (new) The gaming device of claim 69, wherein the game
2 controller is configured to:
3 award an award from the first pay table if the first result is a winning
4 result for the first pay table; and
5 award an award from the second pay table if the second result is a winning
6 result for the second pay table.

1 71. (new) The gaming device of claim 69, wherein the game
2 controller is configured to award an award for the third pay table if a combination of the
3 first result and second result is a winning result in the third pay table.

1 72. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein the result comprises a first
2 result for the first game and a second result for the second game.

1 73. (new) The method of claim 72, further comprising:
2 awarding an award from the first pay table if the first result is a winning
3 result for the first pay table; and
4 awarding an award from the second pay table if the second result is a
5 winning result for the second pay table.

1 74. (new) The method of claim 72, further comprising awarding an
2 award for the third pay table if a combination of the first result and second result is a
3 winning result in the third pay table.